



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of December 8, 2025.

November 2025

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	November	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted	3,123	-10.9%	-16.2%
Approved	2,535	-26.4%	-5.2%
Rejected	1,506	-17.9%	-2.3%
Pending	50		
15 Days or Less	50		
More Than 15 Days	16		
Total Pending	66		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	19,682	19,115	18,402	3.0%	7.0%
	Protective Services	4,334	4,276	4,161	1.4%	4.2%
	Total	24,013	23,389	22,561	2.7%	6.4%
Approved Children	Income	30,432	30,477	30,017	-0.1%	1.4%
	Protective Services	6,866	6,924	6,899	-0.8%	-0.5%
	Total	37,270	37,367	36,890	-0.3%	1.0%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

Children Served	Income	21,739	20,783	21,570	4.6%	0.8%
	Protective Services	4,753	4,604	5,260	3.2%	-9.6%
	Total	26,486	25,374	26,819	4.4%	-1.2%
Payments		\$27,693,402	\$22,551,405	\$22,237,087	22.8%	24.5%
Average Payment Per Child		\$1,046	\$889	\$829	17.6%	26.1%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025
Approved Households	653	602	576	224	203	198	82	76	76
Children Served	981	951	980	303	279	296	110	94	100
Payments	\$899,578.48	\$733,848.04	\$708,123.24	\$262,491.71	\$204,686.58	\$205,929.70	\$94,161.46	\$61,736.18	\$60,119.31
Average Payment per Household	\$1,378	\$1,219	\$1,229	\$1,172	\$1,008	\$1,040	\$1,148	\$812	\$791
Average Child Expenditure	\$917	\$772	\$723	\$866	\$734	\$696	\$856	\$657	\$601

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

		Children Served November 2025	Payments November 2025
Under Age 1		1,305	\$2,377,198
AGE 1		3,132	\$5,964,395
AGE 2		3,974	\$4,977,706
AGE 3		4,287	\$4,417,111
AGE 4		4,103	\$4,078,289
AGE 5		2,683	\$2,053,481
AGE 6		1,674	\$934,692
AGE 7		1,378	\$738,164
AGE 8		1,163	\$616,043
AGE 9		970	\$518,164
AGE 10		784	\$426,295
AGE 11		488	\$272,467
AGE 12		349	\$197,265
AGE 13		158	\$89,631
Age 14 and Over		38	\$32,500
Total		26,486	\$27,693,402

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

November 20..

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Applications Received		Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Da..
Cape Girardeau	222	151	152	50.2%	303	7	0	0.0%
Columbia	128	104	75	41.7%	179	3	1	25.0%
Jefferson City	155	99	89	47.3%	188	2	0	0.0%
Macon	54	46	32	41.0%	78	23	9	28.1%
Not Selected	1,157	1,121	246	17.6%	1,367	5	0	0.0%
Raytown	435	345	328	48.7%	673	2	1	33.3%
Springfield	217	181	152	45.4%	333	8	5	38.5%
St. Louis	755	488	432	46.6%	920	50	16	24.2%
Total	3,123	2,535	1,506	36.9%	4,041			

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

November 2025

Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Pare..	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	193	1,717	52	10	366	60	702	26	15	2,812
Columbia	106	885	53	9	239	38	312	22	21	1,453
Jefferson City	105	962	34	11	275	49	450	18	13	1,720
Macon	50	431	8	2	88	12	201	11	3	729
Not Selected	1,007	6,352	198	38	1,748	521	2,138	100	179	9,828
Raytown	560	3,008	354	26	1,163	118	905	62	136	5,343
Springfield	227	1,694	71	9	433	54	728	38	19	2,894
St. Louis	1,031	5,736	520	63	1,898	312	1,029	129	177	9,110
Total	2,261	14,361	1,092	131	4,441	640	4,348	306	382	24,013



SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025
Education	2,261	2,164	2,040	3,660	3,626	3,619
Employment	14,361	13,874	13,319	24,724	24,696	24,349
Homeless	1,092	1,063	1,016	1,463	1,463	1,430
Incapacitated Pa..	131	130	125	205	211	205
Job Search	4,441	4,354	4,222	4,431	4,399	4,221
Not Available	640	644	641	1,292	1,342	1,398
Protective Servi..	4,348	4,291	4,177	6,898	6,960	6,936
Special Need	306	309	291	494	504	481
Training	382	379	359	598	641	630
Total	24,013	23,389	22,561	37,270	37,367	36,890

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025
African American (Black)	17,713	17,794	17,579
American/Alaskan Native	300	309	308
Asian	119	111	108
Caucasian (White)	13,834	13,848	13,645
Multi-Racial	4,017	3,998	3,951
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl..	53	54	54
Other	570	589	581
Prefer not to answer	682	683	677
Unknown	0	0	0
Total	37,270	37,367	36,890

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025
Hispanic	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
Non-Hispanic	91.0%	90.9%	90.9%
Prefer not to answer	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

November 2025

*excludes Protective Services households

Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	\$2,396
1	300	1.2%	\$56
2	7,378	30.7%	\$959
3	7,848	32.7%	\$1,214
4	5,597	23.3%	\$1,371
5	3,047	12.7%	\$1,441
6	1,444	6.0%	\$1,367
7 or More	1,057	4.4%	\$1,313
Total	24,013	100.0%	\$1,092

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	November 2025			October 2025			September 2025		
		Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..
Exempt	Exempt Program	624	\$320,087.69	\$513	617	\$284,141.88	\$461	542	\$293,150.90	\$541
	Six or Fewer	1,168	\$731,335.71	\$626	1,096	\$581,477.30	\$531	1,142	\$610,494.94	\$535
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,764	\$1,461,902.51	\$829	1,650	\$1,130,212.72	\$685	1,900	\$1,205,892.36	\$635
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	21,631	\$24,000,976.27	\$1,110	20,797	\$19,672,614.59	\$946	22,032	\$19,251,548.64	\$874
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	914	\$846,563.86	\$926	878	\$637,093.29	\$726	894	\$607,283.48	\$679
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	500	\$332,185.55	\$664	446	\$245,865.47	\$551	516	\$267,843.69	\$519
Total		26,486	\$27,693,051.59	\$1,046	25,374	\$22,551,405.25	\$889	26,819	\$22,236,214.01	\$829

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	182	181	176
		Six or Fewer	371	377	380
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,176	1,178	1,165
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	173	175	175
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	55	54	53
		Religious Organization/Nursery School	103	103	104
	Total		2,060	2,068	2,053

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,362	2,252	2,341	4.9%	0.9%
Low Income Housing	2,297	2,197	2,235	4.6%	2.8%
Medicaid	16,437	15,661	16,171	5.0%	1.6%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	16,073	15,331	15,926	4.8%	0.9%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	747	716	697	4.3%	7.2%
Total	19,563	18,697	19,343	4.6%	1.1%